

Office of Community Development



# Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment and Notice of Public Hearing

for

St. Louis HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan 2015 Update

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT June 30, 2022

## Proposed Substantial Amendment to the St. Louis HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan 2015 Update

St. Louis County Office of Community Development is accepting citizen comments regarding this proposed substantial amendment to the St. Louis HOME Consortium 2015 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

St. Louis County's 2015 Annual Action Plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Subsequently, St. Louis County was awarded \$2.4 million in Declared Disaster Recovery Funds to be used to assist communities impacted by the tornadoes and severe storms of May, 2013, which moved through the northern portion of St. Louis County. The area of North County impacted by the severe weather in May of 2013 generally aligns with the HUD designated St. Louis Promise Zone (see the attached map on p.5).

The \$2.4 million Declared Disaster Recovery Funds were awarded in conjunction with St. Louis County's \$24 million Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, which is an additional tool of the CDBG program for communities to access. The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program provides communities with a source of financing for community and economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large scale physical development projects.

In recognition of the intent to assist disaster affected areas, and to enhance the impact of St. Louis County's Section 108 Loans, the \$2.4 million Declared Disaster Recovery Funds were used in conjunction with loans made through the County's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program and in the Promise Zone designated area of St. Louis County. Funds were used to make grants or loans to eligible entities. Additionally, funds have been used to reduce interest rates for Section 108 Loan Guarantee borrowers. As loan activities have been approved under St. Louis County's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, the St. Louis County Office of Community Development had the discretion to supplement loan proceeds with an award from the allocation of \$2.4 million Declared Disaster Recovery Funds as it deemed appropriate.

Much of the work listed above has been completed. Currently, there is \$693,910.38 left that is set to expire in September of this year. To ensure the residents of St. Louis County do not lose the opportunity to use the federal funds, the St. Louis County Office of Community Development is requesting a change of use to previously St. Louis County resident approved projects which include:

- Clearance and Demolition: 39 derelict properties in unincorporated North St. Louis County will be removed to reduce the spread of slum and blight in the area;
- Public Services and Public Facilities Improvements: the Housing Authority of St. Louis County will provide security and capital improvements to public housing within unincorporated North St. Louis County and the City of Wellston

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While the \$2.4 million Declared Disaster Recovery Funds may be used to support any of the aforementioned projects or other eligible activities under the Section 108 program regulations at 24 CFR Part 570, Subpart M, the funds may also be used for any of the following activities which are considered eligible under CDBG program regulations at 24 CFR Part 570, Subpart C, listed below:

Acquisition Construction of housing

Disposition Housing services

Public facilities and improvements Homeownership assistance

Clearance and remediation activities Rehabilitation
Public services Code enforcement

Interim assistance Special economic development activities

Payment of non-Federal share Technical assistance

Urban renewal completion Assistance to higher education institutions

Relocation Planning

Privately owned utilities

Loss of rental income General program administration

In addition to compliance with a CDBG-eligible activity listed above, activities funded by \$2.4 million Declared Disaster Recovery funds may meet any national objective of the CDBG program.

In accordance with HUD's performance measurement framework, activities may meet any combination of appropriate objective (create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing, create economic opportunities) and outcome (availability/accessibility, affordability, sustainability).

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING August 26, 2016

## ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT REQUESTED

A public hearing will be held to accept comments on St. Louis County amending its 2015 Annual Action Plan starting at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 20th, 2022. The purpose of this amendment is to redirect funding from the proposed Section 108 activity and to projects that will involve: clearance and demolition of thirty-nine derelict properties in unincorporated North St. Louis County that will be removed to reduce the spread of slum and blight in the area and public services and public facilities improvements lead by the Housing Authority of St. Louis County that will provide security and capital improvements to public housing within unincorporated North St. Louis County and the City of Wellston before the federal funds expire. The proposed amendment identifies activities to be funded and undertaken. The hearing is open to the public and will take place on WebEx. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the hearing will be completely virtual. No persons will be present in any County buildings and no in-person public comments will be permitted.

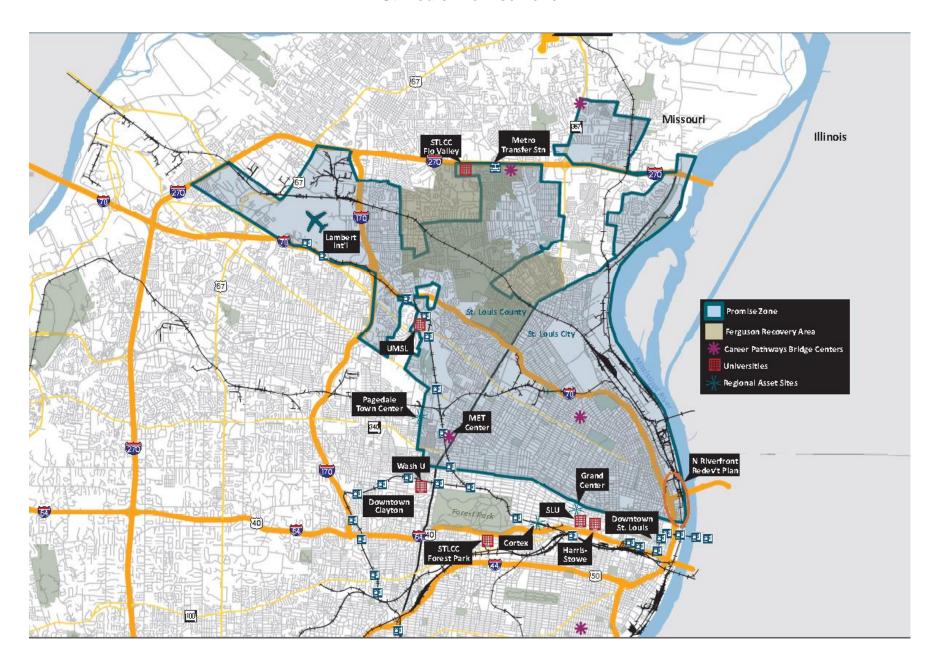
Amendments to the 2015 Annual Action Plan can be found at the four St. Louis County government centers and is available on the County's website. Those wishing to provide comment at the hearing will need to register by emailing their full name and phone number to Brian Dufrenne at <a href="mailto:bdufrenne@stlouiscountymo.gov">bdufrenne@stlouiscountymo.gov</a> prior to 2:00PM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Once registered, commenters will receive instruction on how to join the virtual meeting. If you would like to review the amendment before the hearing, please send a request to the address below or via e-mail to <a href="mailto:bdufrenne@stlouiscountymo.gov">bdufrenne@stlouiscountymo.gov</a>.

Public comments on the plan will be also be accepted in writing via mail or email through July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Written comments should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Amy Ellis, address below. Comments may also be submitted via email to <u>AEllis@stlouiscountymo.gov</u>.

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### St. Louis Promise Zone



#### **Posting Locations**

Municipality Address

Bel-Nor Village Hall, 8416 Natural Bridge Road
Bel-Ridge Village Hall, 8920 Natural Bridge Road

Berkeley City Hall, 8425 Airport Road

Beverly Hills City Hall, 7150 Natural Bridge Road

Cool Valley City Hall, 100 Signal Hill Drive

Country Club Hills City Hall, 7422 Eunice Avenue

Dellwood City Hall, 1415 Chambers Road
Ferguson Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street
Flordell Hills Flordell Hills City Hall, 7001 Brandon Drive

Greendale City Hall, 7309 Natural Bridge Road, Room 204

Hazelwood City Hall, 415 Elm Grove Lane
Hillsdale City Hall, 6428 Jesse Jackson Avenue

Jennings City Hall, 2120 Hord Avenue

Moline Acres Moline Acres City Hall, 2449 Chambers Road
Normandy Normandy City Hall, 7700 Natural Bridge Road
Northwoods Northwoods City Hall, 4600 Oakridge Boulevard
Pagedale Pagedale City Hall, 1420 Ferguson Avenue
Pine Lawn City Hall, 6250 Steve Marre Avenue

Riverview City Hall, 9699 Lilac Drive

University City University City City Hall, 6801 Delmar Boulevard
Uplands Park Uplands Park City Hall, 6390 Natural Bridge Road
Velda City City Hall, 2560 Lucas & Hunt Road
Velda Village Hills Velda Village Hills City Hall, 3501 Avondale Avenue

Wellston City Hall, 1414 Evergreen Avenue

#### Other Locations:

The MET Center 6347 Plymouth Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63133
Ferguson Community Center 1050 Smith Avenue, Ferguson, MO 63135
St. Louis County Main Office 41 S. Central Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105
St. Louis County North Office 21 Village Square, Hazelwood, MO 63042
St. Louis County South Office 4546 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63129
St. Louis County West Office 74 Clarkson-Wilson Center, Chesterfield, MO 63017

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